income generating assets and infrastructure development. As per the guidelines the NGOs/Community Based Organisations and facilitators can be used for nurturing and development of SHGs. An amount upto Rs. 10,000 per group could be spent on formation and development of the group through the NGOs.The payment is made in four instalments based on the stage of development of the group.

(c) Total expenditure under the SGSY during 2001 -2002 in the State of Rajasthan was Rs. 3462.03 lakhs on various components that is training, infrastructure, revolving funds to SHGs and subsidy for economic activities of the scheme. Total credit disbursed to SHGs and individual Swarozgaris was Rs. 10247.15 lakhs. During the year 2001-2002, total 36,057 number of Swarozgaris were assisted under the SGSY.

(d) To streamline the working of the scheme, amendments have recently been made in the guidelines.

Shortage of cotton

398. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country is going to face severe shortage of cotton by 2007 affecting the textile industry badly;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the State-wise details of the cotton production in the last five years; and

(d) the steps being taken to face the ensuing cotton crisis in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) No Sir. The Working Group of Textile and Jute Industries for Tenth Five Year Plan has projected production of 216 lakh bales of cotton, on the basis of 40% rise in the yield on an area of 87.5 lakh hectares, by the end of tenth plan period *i.e.* 2006-07 as against the estimated consumption of 215 lakh bales. [Mill (SSI & Non-SSI) consumption 212 lakh bales + non-mill consumption 13 lakh bales]

(b) Does not arise.

(c) State-wise details of the cotton production in the last five cotton years (October-September) are as under:

PRODUCTION (in lakh bales of 170 kg. each)					
STATE	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
Punjab	7.25	5.00	07.85	09.50	9.25
Haryana	9.00	7.00	10.65	10.00	5.50
Rajasthan	11.00	11.50	13.00	10.75	7.00
Gujarat	42.00	47.50	27.50	23.75	32.50
Maharashtra	21.50	26.50	38.00	18.25	34.25
M.P.	22.50	18.75	15.50	19.25	20.00
A.P.	25.50	25.00	22.50	25.25	26.75
Karnataka	7.50	8.75	7.00	07.75	7.00
Tamil Nadu	5.00	5.50	5.50	05.50	5.00
Others	1.00	1.25	1.50	01.00	0.75
Total	152.25	156.75	149.00	131.00	148.00
Loose Lnit	5.75	8.25	7.00	09.00	10.00
TOTAL	158.00	165.00	156.00	140.00	158.00

(SOURCE: Cotton Advisory Board)

(d) The Government of India with active support of the State Governments in the cotton growing areas is taking several steps so as to ensure adequate quantity of quality cotton to the textile sector of the country in the immediate short run as well as in the long run. It has launched the Technology Mission of Cotton w.e.f. 12.01.2000 to give a focused impetus to cotton research and development for increasing yield and enhance the quality of cotton to bring it to international standards. Responding to international competition and technology advancement, the Government has opened up Indian soil to genetically modified cotton. The import of raw cotton is already under Open General License (OGL) w.e.f. 19.04.1994 with the objective to maintain balance in the supply and demand of cotton in the country.